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1. RE PARA. 3 REF B: WHILE IN OSLO CLEVEN SPOKE WITH HEMILY AND INDICATED U.S. INTEREST IN ALL ITEMS WHILE ALSO LISTING PRIORITIES AMONG RRS TOPICS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BETWEEN JANUARY 1974 AND JUNE 1975.

2. RE PARA. 5 REF B: CLEVEN REPORTS THAT THE VERY BROAD RANGE OF U.S. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES TAILED TO U.S. PRIORITIES DETERMINES BASIC SHAPE OF FHWA R AND D PROGRAM. HOWEVER, U.S. RESOURCES AVAILABLE FALL FAR SHORT OF THAT REQUIRED FOR MULTIFACETED ATTACK ON URGENT PROBLEMS. FOR THIS REASON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES OF OTHERS, SUCH AS OECD, ARE HIGHLY

RESPECTED, HENCE FHWA PLACES GREAT VALUE ON PARTICIPATION OF ITS RESEARCHERS IN RRS ACTIVITIES BECAUSE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND THE RESULTING EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE IMPROVES CAPABILITIES OF U.S. RESEARCHERS.

3. RE PARA. 1 REF A: CLEVEN ADVISES THAT LAST WEEK IN TELECON WITH SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL MULCAHY HE SUGGESTED THAT LATTER PROVIDE HEMILY DIRECTLY WITH DRAFT MINUTES OF OSLO MEETING.

4. RE REF C: WE RECOMMEND MAINTAINING 1973 FUNDING LEVELS. AREAS IN WHICH EXPENDITURES COULD BE CURTAILED WITHOUT ADVERSE EFFECTS INCLUDE: A) SELECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY GERMAN DELEGATE. ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND TO COVER PUBLICATION OF COSTS, B) ELIMINATION OF PLANNED INVOLVEMENT OF ROAD RESEARCH WITH URBAN DEVELOPMENT. DOT/FHWA SUGGESTS THAT ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ELSEWHERE, C) RESTRICTION OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO ONE ANNUAL MEETING RATHER THAN TWO, D) REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF ACTIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR ANY GIVEN YEAR. RUSH

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